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REF: A) STATE 259569; AND B) DAR ES SALAAM 5040

1. FONOFF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR
MUGANDA NOVEMBER 17 CALLED IN CHARGE TO INFORM HIM QTE PERSONALLY
UNQTE OF PRESIDENT NYERERE'S DISAPPROVAL OF TANZANIAN VOTE IN
NUMBER 10 UNGA PLENARY ON ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION. MUGANDA
SAID THAT ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, HE HAD SENT MEMORANDUM TO
PRESIDENT NYERERE OUTLINING OBJECTIONS OF EC-9 AND US TO ANTI-
ZIONISM RESOLUTION. MEMORANDUM STATED THAT TANZANIA WOULD VOTE
IN PLENARY CONSISTENT WITH VOTE IN COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF
RESOLUTION.

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2. MUGANDA SIAD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ASKING QTE HOW WE HAD VOTED IN NEW YORK ON ZIONISM RESOLUTION UNQTE. MUGANDA TOLD CHARGE HE HAD REPLIED WITH SOME ASTONISHMENT THAT IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY HE WAS SURE THAT AMBASSADOR SALIM HAD MAINTAINED POSITION IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION. SUBSEQUENT CALL FROM STATE HOUSE ORDERED MUGANDA TO CONFIRM NEW YORK VOTE AND, IF FAVORABLE, REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO PRESIDENT NYERERE IN COMPANY WITH ACTING FONMIN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NYAKYI.

3. MUGANDA DESCRIBED INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AS QTE UNCOMFORTABLE UNQTE. NYERERE SAID MUGANDA'S MEMORANDUM HAD NOT REACHED HIM UNTIL AFTER UNGA VOTE DURING PERIOD WHEN HE PRE-OCCUPIED WITH ANGOLA VISITORS, APPOINTING NEW CABINET AND MPS, TANU RE-ORGANIZATION, ETC. NYERERE LECTURED NYAKYI AND MUGANDA ON 19TH CENTURY ORIGINS OF ZIONISM AND HOW 1897 BASLE MEETING WAS INTELLECTUAL FOREBEAR OF 1945 PAN-AFRICANISTS MEETING IN ENGLAND WHICH LED TO INDEPENDENCE FOR AFRICAN STATES. NYERERE WAS QTE APPALLED UNQTE THAT HIS CIVIL SERVANTS WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH HIS OWN WRITING AND THINKING ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL MOVEMENTS TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN QTE ZIONISM AND THE PROBLEM OF RACISM WE FACE WITH SOUTH AFRICA UNQTE. NYERERE CLOSED INTERVIEW WITH INSTRUCTION TO FONOFF TO QTE STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT UNQTE.

4. MUGANDA SAID REPORT OF CONVERSATION WITH NYERERE HAD BEEN TELEGRAPHED NOVEMBER 13 TO AMBASSADOR SALIM IN NEW YORK, WHO HAD TELEPHONED TO SAY QTE THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DO ANYTHING, IT WOULD BE TOO EMBARRASSING UNQTE. MUGANDA SAID HE AND NYAKYI WOULD BE MEETING WITH NEW FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA TO CONSIDER HOW TO CARRY OUT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S DIRECTIVE. MUGANDA SAID HE WAS INFORMING CHARGE OF FOREGOING ON QTE PERSONAL BASIS UNQTE SINCE THIS TIME IT LOOKED AS IF PRESIDENT NYERERE WAS CLOSER TO THE AMERICANS AND THE WEST EUROPEANS THAN HE WAS TO QTE US UNQTE.

5. CHARGE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MUGANDA'S COURTESY IN SHARING THIS INFORMATION AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AMBASSADOR SALIM COULD BE HELPED TO OVERCOME HIS EMBARRASSMENT AND CARRY OUT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S INSTRUCTION TO CORRECT THE WORLD'S
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MISUNDERSTANDING OF TANZANIA'S ATTITUDE ON THIS QUESTION.

6. COMMENT: WHILE EX POST FACTO DISCLAIMERS OF VOTES ARE A LARGE INVENTORY ITEM FOR MANY UNGA PARTICIPANTS, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF TANGOV RECENTLY EMPLOYING IT IN PRESIDENT NYERERE'S NAME. MUGANDA IS ACCURATE IN DESCRIBING NYERERE AS CURRENTLY VERY MUCH PRE-OCCUPIED WITH ANGOLAN, RHODESIAN AND DOMESTIC TANZANIAN QUESTIONS WITH LITTLE TIME FOR OTHER MATTERS. ONLY

REASON WE CAN THINK OF BEYOND THAT WHICH HE GAVE FOR MUGANDA TO
DISCLOSE THIS APPARENT TANGOV GAFFE WOULD BE CONCERN TO
PRESERVE NYERERE'S IMAGE WITH WESTERN AID DONOR COUNTRIES
AS QTE MODERATE UNQTE DESERVING OF UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.
IN EITHER CASE THE TANZANIANS DON'T SEEM VERY PROUD OF THEIR
VOTE AS THEY LOOK BACK ON IT.
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